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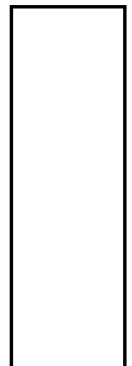


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SOUTH VIETNAM

The Military Situation

Although fighting has slackened in most parts of the country, military activity by both sides remains relatively high. The Communists have overrun several government outposts in the delta, isolated a district town in An Xuyen Province, and forced the government to abandon a territorial base in Dinh Tuong Province. Some of these actions may be in response to the recent successful government security operations in Chuong Thien, Dinh Tuong, and Kien Hoa provinces. North of Saigon, the government's Route 13 clearing operation remains stalled, not canceled as reported earlier. The level of fighting in the Saigon region has declined for the second straight day.

In the central highlands, military action has tapered off considerably west of Kontum City, where North Vietnamese forces are reportedly moving to consolidate their recent gains. The US consul general in Nha Trang warns that there may be some sharp fighting in this area over the next few days as government forces attempt to retake ground lost to the Communists over the weekend. More fighting may also be ahead in Phu Yen Province, where government territorials reported destroying some 100 Viet Cong housing and storage buildings on 10 June. Similar government activity in Quang Ngai Province last week provoked sharp Communist counter-attacks.

In Quang Ngai, the Communists are maintaining pressure on government forces trying to establish positions in the Song Ve Valley. Sporadic Communist shellings, including the use of long-range 130-mm. guns, continue in both Quang Tin and Quang Nam provinces.



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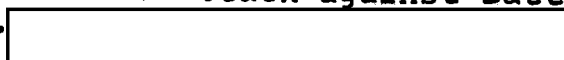
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Government forces have made little progress in reopening Route 4 some 15 miles west of Phnom Penh. Seven infantry battalions supported by two squadrons of armored personnel vehicles and eight 105-mm. howitzers are now assigned to the clearing operation. Part of this force is to attack along Route 4 toward the village of Ang Snuol, while the remainder is to move south toward Route 26, which remains interdicted between Thnal Totung and Kompong Tram.

Increased Khmer Communist pressure about 15 miles south of Phnom Penh along Route 2 has forced the Cambodians to withdraw from several small positions in that area. To the west, government sweep operations along Route 3 have been stalled by strong opposition.

Communist shelling of Phnom Penh's airport on 10 and 11 June caused only minor damage. A Communist rocket and mortar barrage on 10 June against the air force base at Battambang, which serves as a light maintenance training center, damaged three T-28 fighter aircraft and several other military and civilian aircraft. The flight training program at the base has been suspended for several days, pending repairs to some of the damaged aircraft. This was the first significant attack against Battambang since the war began.



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